Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Robert (Bob) and Ruth Marie Benedict exchanged their wedding vows on January 21, 1967, at the Catholic Church in Winner, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The newlywed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Bob and Ruth Marie owned and operated a full service gas station with a repair shop and car wash, along with a towing business in Winner, and they reside in Winner and enjoy the simpler life; and,

Whereas, Bob and Ruth Marie were blessed with two children through adoption and now have four grandsons and six great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Bob and Ruth Marie have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make note of this special occasion in the lives of these two people who have lived exemplary lives for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2017, as

BOB AND RUTH MARIE BENEDICT DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J Bray Deputy Secretary

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State